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Dear Doctor (Commissioner) Henney

I am writing to express my concerns about genetically altered foods or "genetically modified organisms," which are currently unlabeled and sold to consumers unaware.

It is very discomfiting, and now I wonder if my onset of allergy to certain dairy foods which I never had before, is connected to this. While I may buy milk which is labeled as not containing rBGH, and therefore reduce my chance of alteration by hormone and increased antibiotic, is it in nonfat dry milk and cheese and ice cream?

Just as the tobacco money mongers did as they wished and so many are now paying the price with cancer and the huge costs accompanying it, how long before the monger Monsanto is responsible for disease and perhaps ruining normal seed and food production with their genetically engineered seeds mutating all seeds. What a frightening thought.

At the very least, as a beginning, there should be labeling of foods such as produce, which is GMO. Everything else has to be labeled specifically, why on earth, don't the modified fruits and vegetables have to be as well. Perhaps because if given a choice, growing numbers of consumers will choose not to buy these after they are educated en masse. That must be the fear of Monsanto and other large megamonopolies participating in food bioengineering.

This is the United States, not Nazi Germany, and we should be kept safe from scientific experiments which can cause great harm down the road. Longer shelf life for produce and higher milk production over safety and choice whether to ingest such foods is not what is important. Our children and our environment should be more important than excess power and huge profits.

Please use your position to enforce labeling of GMO foods and to keep these large companies from running the country.

Sincerely,



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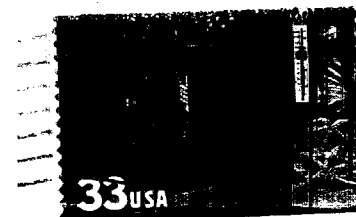
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